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JUSTIFICATION

This mission is in response to the USIB requirement for high resolution photographic coverage of priority targets in North Vietnam. Specifically, the OXCART aircraft is to cover those areas of North Vietnam which because of surface-to-air missile defenses cannot be covered adequately by other means. The 303 Committee has approved this mission.

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TARGET DATA

There are 48 COMOR targets in North Vietnam which are listed below. Apart from coverage of these targets, OXCART photography is to be used specifically to locate and identify surface-to-surface missiles in North Vietnam if and when they should be introduced.

Thirty-five of the above 48 COMOR targets are in the SAM defended area. This mission has been planned to make two passes over the primary target area in order to maximize photo coverage. BX6715 should cover a minimum of 28 COMOR targets.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* 1.</li> <li>* 2.</li> <li>* 3.</li> <li>* 4.</li> <li>* 5.</li> <li>* 6.</li> <li>7.</li> <li>* 8.</li> <li>* 9.</li> <li>*10.</li> <li>11.</li> <li>*12.</li> <li>13.</li> <li>*14.</li> <li>*15.</li> <li>16.</li> <li>17.</li> <li>18.</li> <li>*19.</li> <li>20.</li> <li>21.</li> <li>*22.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cac Ba Coastal Defense Site</li> <li>Haiphong/Cat Bi A/F</li> <li>Haiphong/Kien An A/F</li> <li>Hanoi/Bac Mai A/F</li> <li>Hanoi/Gia Lam A/F</li> <li>Phuc Yen A/F</li> <li>Lang Son A/F</li> <li>Kep A/F</li> <li>Yen Bai Suspect A/F U/C</li> <li>Hoa Lac A/F U/C</li> <li>Bai Thuong A/F</li> <li>Haiphong Port Complex</li> <li>Cam Pha Port Facilities</li> <li>Hon Gay Port Facilities</li> <li>Ha Tou Naval Support Facility</li> <li>Vinh/Ben Thuy Port Facilities</li> <li>Ha Giang Military Installation</li> <li>Van Hai Army Barracks</li> <li>Lang Son Military Complex</li> <li>Loc Binh Army Supply Depot</li> <li>Thai Nguyen Army Supply Depot North</li> </ul> |
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23.		Bac Kan Military Area
*24.		Phu Lang Thuong Military Area
25.		Hanoi-Lao Cai RR, Segment 2
26.		Hanoi-Lao Cai RR, Segment 1
*27.		Hanoi-Lao Cai RR, Segment 3
*28.		Hanoi-Ping Hsiang RR, Segment 2
29.		Hanoi-Ping Hsiang RR, Segment 1
*30.		Hanoi-Ping Hsiang RR, Segment 3
*31.		Hanoi-Lao Cai RR, Segment 4
*32.		Hanoi-Lao Cai RR, Segment 5
*33.		Kep to Than Nguyen RR
34.		Dong Dang Complex
*35.		Phu Lang Thuong Complex
36.		Cao Bang Complex
37.		Lai Chau Complex
38.		Lang Son Complex
39.		Mon Cay Complex
40.		Tien Yen Complex
*41.		Tuyen Quang Complex
*42.		Yen Bai Complex
43.		Dien Bien Phu Complex
44.		Lao Kay Complex
*45.		Haiphong RR Yards
*46.		Viet Tri RR Yards
*47.		Yen Vien (Hanoi) RR Yards
*48.		Kep Complex

\* Indicates COMOR targets which should be covered on this mission.

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DISTANCE : 5831 NM  
TIME : 5+02  
DENIED TIME : 0+22  
ENTRY ALTITUDE: 80,000 FT  
SPEED : Mach 3.1 (1825 Kts)  
TAKE OFF : 0210Z 15 August 1967  
1010 PM Washington Time 14 August 1967

VULNERABILITY ESTIMATE

A total of 233 surface-to-air missile launch positions have been detected in North Vietnam. The number of usable sites, however, is somewhat less than this. Only about 28 to 32 sites are active on any given day -- even this number may be high. They are largely concentrated in the Hanoi, Haiphong, Thanh Hoa, and Yen Bai area. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] There are seven MIG-21 jet interceptors in North Vietnam but they are not capable of intercepting the OXCART aircraft.

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The OXCART Mission BX6715 as planned herein is approved.

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